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EXAMINING GROUP 1632
PATENT**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Austin SMITH et al.

Serial No.: 09/686,880

Filed: October 12, 2000

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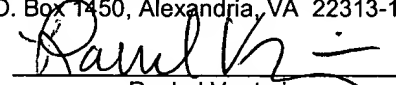
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is a reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2004, the period for response having been extended to February 14, 2005 (February 13, 2005 being a Sunday) by a request for extension of 2 months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

A set of pending Claims is included with this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the Claims section of this paper.